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**NEWINGTON – DOVER PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**PROPOSED WIDENING OF 3.5 MILES OF SPAULDING TURNPIKE**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a Public Informational Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2003 in Dover to review and discuss the preparation of Phase 1 (Scoping Report) of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to widen a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route 16).

This proposed widening would begin north of Exit 1 (Gosling Road Interchange) in Newington and proceed north to the Dover Toll Plaza, just north of Exit 6 (U.S. Route 4) in Dover. The project is intended to provide additional highway capacity to address serious congestion problems and to improve highway safety.

Various options will be evaluated for the project, including bridge rehabilitation, widening and replacement of the Little Bay Bridges; final disposition of the historic General Sullivan Bridge; consolidation of the interchanges; and designs of grade, alignment and geometry.

This meeting is intended to review and discuss the draft scoping report, which will provide a basis for the "Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action" and the affected Environmental Impact Statement. The EIS will be prepared by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration.

The November 12 public meeting will be held at the Dover City Hall auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, New Hampshire at 7:00 PM, followed by a question and comment period.